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DIVISION OF MINES OPEN HOUSE

In order to acquaint the public with the services and facilities of the San Francisco office of the Division of Mines, an open house was held on Tuesday, March 7. More than 500 professional and lay patrons of the Division were conducted through the museum, offices, library, and laboratory by various staff members. A continuous program of moving pictures on mining and geological subjects interspersed with short talks on several commodities currently under investigation by the staff members was maintained.

The State Mining Board also convened in the office of the Chief of the Division and, during a very stimulating session, discussed the various investigations and services of the Division with participating staff members. The newly enlarged and modernized laboratory with its multiplicity of instruments for testing and research proved to be of particular interest. Many of the latest gadgets were demonstrated to members of the State Mining Board and to other interested parties during the meet.

It has been repeatedly brought to our attention that a large part of the public is still unacquainted with the services, facilities, and work of the Division of Mines. All branches are endeavoring to make their facilities better known and to improve present services. The accompanying photograph depicts a notice placed in the main lobby of the California State Building at Los Angeles by the Los Angeles branch of the Division. The placard brought visitors to the museum and offices in unprecedented numbers, showing that even the State Building traffic was unaware of the facilities within its walls. It is hoped that through dissemination of mail and over-the-counter information and through increased circulation of Mineral Information Service the public can be better informed concerning the Division of Mines activities which it supports.

